

Inquiry into Ahmedabad Test Match of 1999

† 3937. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the captain found guilty in cricket match-fixing and banned from playing cricket for life, has demanded an inquiry into Ahmedabad test match, played in the year 1999; if so, whether Government would conduct an inquiry into it;

(b) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government are considering to enact any legislation to treat match-fixing in cricket as a serious offence and provide for punishment for the same; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) No such request has been received.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government is reviewing the existing laws and exploring the possibility of bringing suitable amendments to deal with instances of match-fixing and betting in sports effectively.

Lack of Sports Policy

† 3938. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that youths of the country are losing interest in sports in the absence of a specific sports policy in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that new talents are not entering the sports due to improper development of sports, in the absence of a policy; and

(c) if not, what is Government's reaction thereto?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.